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Arbeitslosigkeit im September 2010. Gemäss den Erhebungen des Staatssekretariats für Wirtschaft SECO waren Ende September 2010 140'040 Arbeitslose bei den Regionalen Arbeitsvermittlungszentren (RAV) eingeschrieben, 2'839 weniger als im Vormonat. Die Arbeitslosenquote sank damit von 3,6% im August 2010 auf 3,5% im Berichtsmonat. Gegenüber dem Vorjahresmonat verringerte sich die Arbeitslosigkeit um 14'369 Personen (-9,3%).

[Official visit by Federal Councillor Madame Micheline Calmy-Rey to Estonia and Lithuania](#)

Federal Councillor Micheline Calmy-Rey will pay an official working visit to Estonia and Lithuania on Sunday and Monday next. The head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) will meet her counterparts in the two Baltic countries to discuss bilateral and multilateral issues.

[2010 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank](#)

Federal Councillor Hans-Rudolf Merz as head of the Swiss delegation, State Secretary Jean-Pierre Gerber, SECO Director, and Philipp Hildebrand, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank (SNB), will take part in the joint Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group in Washington D.C. from 8 to 9 October 2010. The most important topics of discussion in the International Monetary and Financial Committee will be the state of the global economy and the strengthening of the governance structure of the IMF. The focus of the discussions in the Development Committee will be the strategy of the World Bank, the current World Bank governance reforms and the progress on achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

[Switzerland signs a cooperation agreement with Kosovo](#)

On 6 October 2010, Switzerland and Kosovo signed an agreement in Pristina on technical and financial cooperation, and humanitarian aid. The agreement creates a new legal framework for cooperation between the two states in the context of the political and economic reforms currently being implemented in Kosovo. The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the State Secretariat of Economic Affairs (SECO) are supporting the transformation process with an annual amount of approximately 15 million Swiss francs.

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